

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/712,500

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to June 24, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 November 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

This is an allowance for application no. 09/712,500 in response to arguments filed on June 26, 2004 in which claims 1-33 are presented for examination.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-33 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-33 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-33 allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As shown in Figure 7A, US Patent 5,646,750 to Collier teaches a method and system for converting a sequence of electronically captured images into a sequence of modified images providing the appearance of images captured by a film reproduction system, the film reproduction system being of the type that includes a motion picture negative film printed onto a motion picture print film (Col 4 Lines 27-38) that is displayed, or a reversal motion picture system in which a reversal film is displayed, said method comprising the steps of:

a) electronically capturing a sequence of images, resulting in electronically captured image data (Col 7 Lines 20-63, Col 3 Lines 16-25);

c) (Optionally) transforming the neutral-corrected electronically captured images with a linear function that emulates a film exposure of the film reproduction system, resulting in exposure-corrected electronically captured images (Col 11 Lines 28-64);

e) transforming corrected electronically captured images with a linear function that emulates a film color look provided by the film reproduction system, resulting in modified images that provide the appearance of an image captured with the film reproduction system, whereby the transformation steps are referenced to scanned film densities of a film used in the film reproduction system (Col 12 Lines 13-67, Col 13 Lines 1-23).

Collier does not teach step b) transforming the electronically captured image data into linearized exposure data, resulting in neutral-corrected electronically captured images as part of the second embodiment. Collier does teach the step of linearizing the captured image as part of the first embodiment where the captured image is linearized before being stored to a storage medium (Col 7 Lines 47-67, Col 8 Lines 1-36, Fig 6 and 8). Collier further does not teach step d) transforming the exposure-corrected electronically captured images with a non-linear function that renders the exposure-corrected electronically captured images with a tone scale of the film reproduction system, resulting in tonescale-corrected electronically captured images. This feature along with the others in the claims define over the prior art.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

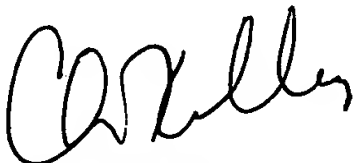
US Patent 4,771,342 to Beesley.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erick Rekstad whose telephone number is 703-305-5543. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on 703-305-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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